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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL PROJECT ON FEDERALISM

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1. POST NOMINATES PROF. DR. FRIEDRICH SCHAEFER, SPD MEMBER OF BUNDESTAG, TO ATTEND SUBJECT CONFERENCE AS OBSERVER AND FOR FEW ADDITIONAL DAYS ON PARTIAL IV GRANT. FULL BIO DATA FOLLOWS BELOW. IN OUR VIEW HE IS IDEALLY SUITED BY BACKGROUND AND PRESENT POSITION TO FEDERALISM. BECAUSE OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES IN BUNDESTAG, HE CAN BE AWAY ONLY FROM FEB. 19 TO 29. POST CAN NOMINATE ALTERNATE CANDIDATE, BUT SINCE SCHAEFER IS MOST INTERESTED IN GOING AND HAS COMMITTED HIMSELF TO DATES, THERE IS NO NEED TO RAISE FALSE HOPES ABOUT PROSPECTS OF TRIP WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

2. BIO DATA:

NAME: PROF. DR. FRIEDRICH SCHAEFER
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: APRIL 6, 1915, SINDELFINGEN
CITIZENSHIP: GERMAN
HOME ADDRESS: 7401 TUEBINGEN-LUSTNAU, EDUARD-HABER-
STRASSE 12
MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED; TWO CHILDREN
EDUCATION: ABITUR (GYMNASIUM SCHOOL LEAVING
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CERTIFICATE); STUDIED LAW AT UNIVERSI-

TIES OF TUEBINGEN AND BERLIN; PASSED
STATE LEGAL EXAM IN 1943
PRESENT POSITIONS: MEMBER OF THE BUNDESTAG (SPD);
1957 TO 1967 AND SINCE 1969.
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF SPD BUNDESTAG FACTION
CHAIRMAN OF INTERIOR COMMITTEE OF BUNDES-
TAG
CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSION ON CONSTITUTIONAL
REFORM OF BUNDESTAG
VISITING PROFESSOR AT COLOGNE AND TUEBIN-
GEN UNIVERSITIES
MEMBER OF STATE COURT OF BREMEN
PAST POSITIONS: 1961-66
PARLIAMENTARY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF SPD
FACTION
1967-69 STATE SECRETARY IN FEDERAL
MINISTRY OF FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS
PROFESSORSHIPS AT TUEBINGEN AND COLOGNE
UNIVERSITIES ON PARLIAMENTARY LAW AND
PRACTICE
PUBLICATIONS: WRITINGS ON EMERGENCY LAWS AND ON
RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTIVITIES IN
CONNECTION WITH PARLIAMENTARY REFORM
TRAVEL ABROAD: TWO-MONTH USG-SPONSORED STUDY TRIP IN
1954
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3. SCHAEFER IS CURRENTLY DEEPLY INVOLVED AS CHAIRMAN OF INVESTIGATORY COMMISSION OF BUNDESTAG IN STUDY OF CONSTITUTIONAL OR GERMAN BASIC LAW REFORM. SUB-TOPICS OF STUDY INCLUDE REFORM OF PARLIAMENT ITSELF, PARLIAMENTARY CONTROL OF NEWS SERVICES, PETITION RIGHTS OF PEOPLE, OMBUDSMAN, DEVELOPMENT OF FEDERALISM ON INTERNATIONAL SCALE (EEC) AND IMPACT ON FEDERALISM WITHIN NATION, RELATIONS BETWEEN PARLIAMENT AND GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. THESE AND OTHER OF HIS INTERESTS SEEM DIRECTLY IN LINE WITH TOPICS TO BE COVERED IN WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

4. SCHAEFER ANTICIPATES PARTICIPATION IN FEB. 25 SEMINAR SPONSORED BY AGENCY. POST PREPARED COVER DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES OUT OF ITS FY 75 CU ALLOCATION. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER WE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CONFERENCE DATES FEB. 20-23 OR JUST FOR BALANCE OF HIS STAY.

5. SINCE OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM LIMITED TO FEB. 24 AND 26-28, HE BELIEVES HE SHOULD REMAIN IN WASHINGTON WHERE, IN VIEW HIS INTERESTS, THERE SHOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR HIM TO DO. HE HAS NO SPECIAL REQUESTS BEYOND DESIRE FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE CONGRESSMEN (PARTICULARLY SENATORS WHO UNCLASSIFIED

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REPRESENT ALL PEOPLE OF STATE AND NOT JUST THOSE IN ONE DISTRICT), ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS, SCHOLARS WORKING IN FIELD. WORK OF U.S. ADVISORY COMMISSION IS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO HIM. WILL ACCOMMODATE SELF TO WHATEVER SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR HIM DURING TIME AVAILABLE.

6. ASSUMING APPROVAL SCHAEFER PARTICIPATION, AMBASSADOR IS SENDING OFFICIAL LETTER OF INVITATION ON BEHALF OF ADVISORY COMMISSION, DEPT. AND AGENCY. RUSSELL

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